In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh

C.W.P. No. 17629 of 2006

Date of Decision: 9.11.2006

Gian Devi

…Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

…Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. KUMAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

PRESENT: Mr. Madan Pal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JUDGMENT

M.M. KUMAR, J. (Oral)

This petition under Article 226 of the Constitution has been filed by the petitioner aggrieved against the action of the respondents, withholding 25% of the amount of the medical bills submitted by the petitioner. A further prayer has been made for directing the respondents to release the entire amount of the medical bills, which has been spent on the husband of the petitioner. It is

appropriate to mention here that on an earlier occasion, when the medical bills submitted by the petitioner, namely, Jai Parkash, were not cleared, the husband of the petitioner filed C.W.P. No. 1971 of 1997 in this Court challenging the action of the respondents. The above mentioned writ petition was disposed of vide order dated 25.11.1997 (P-1) and direction was issued to pay him the balance amount of Rs. 33,792/-.

For the relief claimed in the instant petition, the petitioner has already sent a legal notice, dated 15.12.2005 (P-2) to the respondents.

Without going into the merits of the case, we deem it just and appropriate to direct the respondents to take cognizance of the legal notice, dated 15.12.2005 (P-2) sent by the petitioner and decide the same expeditiously preferably within a period of four months from the date a certified copy of this order is presented to them. If the claim of the petitioner is found to be meritorious and decided in his favour then the benefit accruing to him shall be disbursed within a further period of three months thereafter. It shall be appreciated if a speaking order is passed.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

(M.M. KUMAR)
JUDGE

(M.M.S. BEDI)

November 9, 2006
JUDGE

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